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LAFAYETTE COUNTY MOB LYNCHES TWO MEN AT LEXINGTON

White Man and Negro Taken From Jail By Hundred and Fifty Citizens.

JOHNSON'S MURDER EXPIATED.

Prominent and Wealthy Farmer Shot Down While Defending Chicken-House.

HAD FIGHT WITH INTRUDERS.

Feeling Has Been Very High Since the Killing and Incensed Residents Organized to Inflict Summary Punishment.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Myrick, Mo., Aug. 12.—(Tuesday.)—Capt. Wiley, superintendent of Lexington Coal Company, telephoned here to-night that a mob of 150 men took Charles Salvers, white, and Harry Gates, a negro, from jail at 2 a. m. at Lexington and lynched them for the murder of George Johnson, a prosperous farmer of Lafayette County.

In a confession of the Salvers man he stated that Harry Gates shot Johnson in a running fight.

The prisoners confessed to the officials shortly after their arrest, and the incensed citizens of the county became determined upon summary punishment.

An organized posse formed from several parts of the county, centered at Lexington last night and quietly but determinedly took possession of the jail and the prisoners.

George W. Johnson was shot and killed last Tuesday morning at 3 o'clock by chicken thieves at his home near this city.

He had placed electric bells in his hen-house and about 2 o'clock an alarm was sounded.

Mr. Johnson took his shotgun and went to investigate, heading the thieves before they reached the public road.

He fired two shots at them and they in turn fired at him twice, one bullet striking him in the breast over the heart. Death was instantaneous.

The thieves escaped, leaving twenty-eight chickens in sacks.

Charles Salvers, white, and Harry Gates, colored, were arrested on suspicion.

George W. Johnson was one of Lafayette County's most substantial and wealthiest citizens, being worth \$150,000, and was a progressive and successful farmer and cattle raiser. He left a wife and three children.

SPARRING FOR TIME IN CUBAN MATTER.

Notice Virtually Served on Administration That She Can Make Any Loan She Wishes.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, Aug. 12.—There were important developments in the Cuban situation to-day in the direction of evasion and postponement. The administration is causing it to be announced that, instead of meeting the wishes of Cuba and calling an extra session of the Senate in September for the purpose of considering a reciprocity treaty, it will have the Senate called in November after the congressional elections have been held.

Mr. Shaw, Secretary of the Treasury, today declined to pass one way or the other on the Cuban loan. This is in line with the attitude of the Treasury Department, which is to let Cuba go ahead and in this, her first large financial experiment, trusting to the dictates of prudence to guide her right.

Congress passed the Platt bill, binding Cuba hand and foot and required her to incorporate it in her constitution.

For the United States to object to the Cubans making a loan, in view of what the Cubans regard as a breach of faith with reference to the Platt amendment, undoubtedly would result at this time in a rupture between the two countries.

The result is that Cuba virtually has had notice served on her that she can make any loan that may be deemed wise by her Congress, and take the consequences, but that she will have to wait until November and possibly until December before knowing whether concessions by treaty are possible.

PRESS COMMITTEE ORGANIZED.

Plans for Publicity Work of National Saengerfest Discussed.

The Press Committee of the National Saengerfest, which is to be held in St. Louis in June, 1903, held its first meeting in the editorial rooms of the Westliche Post last night. Organization was effected by electing Emil Leonhardt chairman. Max Stoeber was made secretary.

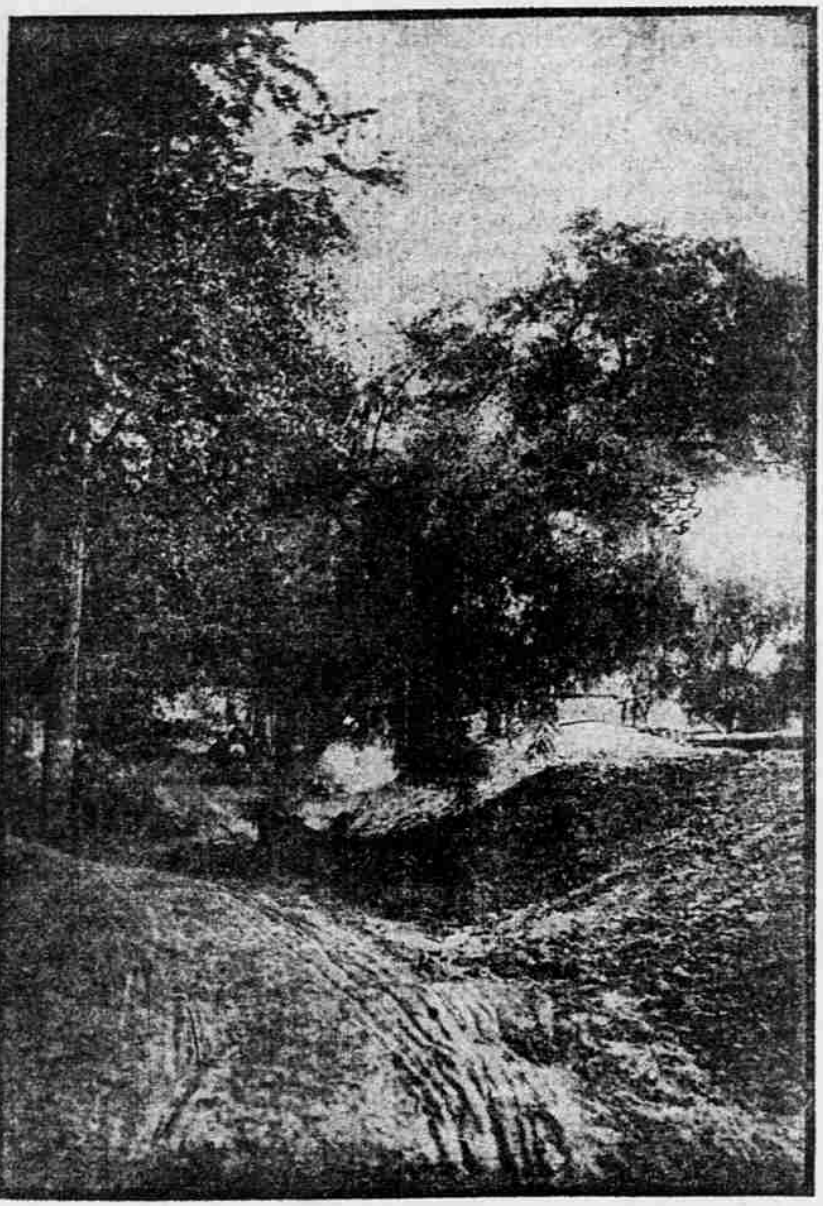
In a general way plans for handling the publicity end of the saengerfest were discussed. It was decided not to issue a general call for active work until the last of September. Present were Emil Leonhardt, William M. Reedy, D. J. McLaughlin, Joseph Dunlap, Theodore Adelman, August Dies and Hans Hackel.

EARTHQUAKE SHAKES ALASKA.

Three Volcanoes Are Active—River Is Violently Disturbed.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 11.—A special to the Times from Skagway, Alaska, says: "Yesterday a severe earthquake was felt here about noon. The first shock was about fifty seconds long. Several large plate-glass windows were broken and chimneys in the northern part of the city tumbled down."

WRITE A POEM; SUGGEST A JUDGE.



A CHARACTERISTIC BEND IN SKINKER ROAD, OPPOSITE THE SITE OF THE HORTICULTURAL BUILDING.

Photographs are being sent over the country of the World's Fair site with a novel effect across the face of the mimic landscapes. Along the line of demarcation in the picture, which indicates a street in the distance, black letters spell the name "Skinker Road," showing the location of the famous highway.

Aspirants for the honor of winning the poem contest have the privilege of beholding the very subject which is inspiring their muses. The contributions are in no sense diminished; on the contrary, they are steadily increasing in volume and value. The end of the time limit, September 1, is approaching, so that it is important that verses be submitted as early as possible, with any suggestions that may occur to the contributors as to the names of judges for the award of the prize of \$50, of which The Republic has offered \$25, with an added \$25 by Mr. Thomas K. Skinker.

TO TAKE UP \$300,000 OF THE STATE DEBT

Board of Fund Commissioners Issues Call to Reduce the Bonded Indebtedness.

GOVERNOR DOCKERY PLEADED.

This Will Cut Down Outstanding Bonds, Exclusive of School Certificates, to Less Than Half a Million Dollars.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Jefferson City, Mo., Aug. 11.—The State Board of Fund Commissioners met this morning and issued a call to take up \$300,000 of the State bonded debt.

By this further reduction of the State bonded indebtedness the bonded debt of the State, exclusive of the school certificates, will be reduced to \$487,000.

Commenting upon the call for the payment of \$300,000 of bonds, Governor Dockery said:

"The bond call just issued reduces the State debt, exclusive of the certificates held in trust for the school fund, to \$487,000. The people are to be congratulated that the Republic debt of nearly twenty-two millions of dollars will soon be extinguished and the taxpayers freed from further burdens in respect to the bonded debt."

The remaining bonds, amounting to less than half a million of dollars, will be paid at the beginning of the coming year, and if the people shall determine to continue the existing system of school certificates over State taxes can be reduced from twenty-five cents on the hundred dollars valuation to seventeen and one-half cents on the hundred dollars.

"If this reduction is effected seven and one-half cents will be returned to the people for the education of the children, and only ten cents used by the State for the payment of all the expenses of the State government."

COOL WEATHER MAY CONTINUE.

No Change Predicted in Temperature for To-Day.

Doctor Hyatt is very much pleased with the class of weather he has had in the past month, and although not wishing to make any promises for the rest of the summer, says he will do his best to continue the good work.

Yesterday from a temperature of 64 degrees at 8 a. m. the mercury slowly crept up to 76 degrees at 4 p. m. and then started to drop again.

HOURLY TEMPERATURES.

8 a. m.	64	2	74
9	66	3	76
10	68	4	76
11	70	5	76
12	72	6	76
1	74	7	76
2	76	8	76
3	74	9	76
4	72	10	76
5	70	11	76
6	68	12	76
7	66	1	76
8	64	2	76

Yesterday's Temperature in Seven Large Cities.

St. Louis	76	Cincinnati	78
New York	84	Philadelphia	88
New Orleans	82	Chicago	80
Washington	80		

From New York and other Eastern cities come accounts of thunderstorms and oppressive heat. Storms were especially violent in New Jersey, destroying corn and the peach crop.

In the crowded tenement districts of New York City the sufferings were intense. No deaths due to heat were reported, but there were numerous cases of prostration.

KING HOLDS PRIVY COUNCIL.

Receives London's Coronation Gift Toward Hospital.

London, Aug. 11.—King Edward held a privy council to-day at Buckingham Palace, at which the newly appointed Ministers were sworn in. Later he officiated at an investiture of the Victoria Cross.

GIRL CAUSED RUPTURE IN ROYAL HOUSEHOLD

Crown Prince's Love for Miss Deacon Produced Estrangement From Emperor Wilhelm.

FREDERICK WANTS TO WED HER

Father Is Violently Opposed to the Match and So Informed His Son, the Prince.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Paris, Aug. 11.—The Matin to-day says that Miss Gladys Deacon, daughter of the late Parker Deacon, is responsible for the rupture between the Emperor William and Crown Prince Frederick William.

The Matin says that it was for love of this young woman that the Crown Prince had a violent quarrel with his father, during which he expressed a desire to renounce his rank and claim to the throne in order to marry for love.

The paper adds that Miss Deacon informed the Crown Prince that she would never consent to a morganatic alliance, and if he desired to marry her a religious and legal ceremony would be necessary.

Three days after her ultimatum Frederick William gave her a ring which he had sworn never to give to any one except his wife. It was a keepsake from the late Empress Fredericka.

Miss Gladys Deacon is one of the four daughters of the late Edward Parker Deacon, who on February 17, 1892, shot and killed Emilio Abelle at Cannes, France. Abelle was a wealthy French clubman, whom he suspected of being too friendly with Mrs. Deacon.

Deacon was convicted of murder and sentenced to a year in prison, but was pardoned by President Sadi-Carnot in September of the same year. Divorce proceedings followed and the children were divided. Mrs. Deacon being given the custody of two and her husband the other two.

Mrs. Deacon is the daughter of the late Admiral Charles H. Baldwin, U. S. N., and before her marriage to Deacon, in 1879, was one of the belles of New York.

Shortly after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Deacon moved to Paris, where they moved in the best society until the Abelle scandal broke up their home. Deacon died in an asylum on July 6, last year. He developed insanity as a result of his domestic troubles.

LEADING TOPICS

TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

THE SUN RISES THIS MORNING AT 5:59 AND SETS THIS EVENING AT 7:01. THE MOON SETS TO-MORROW MORNING AT 12:15.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

For St. Louis and Vicinity—Generally fair and cooler.

Missouri and Illinois—Fair and warmer Tuesday; local rains Wednesday.

2. Plea for the Welfare of Dependent Classes.

3. Meriwether Forces Have Desertions. Nuts' Defenders Threaten Fight.

4. Rebellion in Hayti Spreading. Strikers Attack Mine With Rifles. Anarchistic Doctor at Bottom of Riots? Constituents Regret Reile's Resignation.

5. Railway News. Butchers Open Their Convention. East Side News.

6. The Republic Form Chart. Racing at Delmar.

7. Brooklyn Defeats O'Neill Battery. Mullanphy Board Elects Officers.

8. Editorial. Happenings in Society.

9. Pickpocket Shows His Craftiness. Country Schooling for Milk Milk. Says His Father Made Him Steal.

10. Republic "Want" Advertisements. Birth, Marriage and Death Records. New Corporations.

11. Rooms for Rent and Real Estate Advertisements.

12. Exciting Stock Rumors Lack Confirmation. Electric Light Issues in Excellent Demand. River News and Personal. Chased Mother With Knife.

13. Sellers Again Control Wheat and Corn. Brief Relief From Grain-Selling Pressure. Summary of St. Louis Markets.

14. Condition of Corn August 1 Was 86.5. Texas Fruit Statistics. Island That Tangles Land Titles. Real Estate News and Transfers. Fights Building to Save Pet Cat.

JOHN L. FRENCH HURT IN AUTO COLLISION

Street Car Strikes Vehicle While Webster Groves Man Is Crossing Tracks at Pittsburg.

OCCUPANTS HURLED MANY FEET

Neller, With Mr. French, Is Seriously Hurt—Both Rendered Unconscious by the Shock.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 11.—John L. French of Webster Groves, president of the St. Louis Motor Carriage Company, and son of Jesse French of the Jesse French Piano and Organ Company, accompanied by Cyrus S. Neller, steel inspector for the National Transit Company of Pittsburg, was seriously injured at 5:30 o'clock this evening when his automobile was struck by a fast trolley train at Meultrie street and Fifth avenue.

Both men were knocked senseless and for a time it was feared that their injuries might prove fatal. Both French and Neller, however, have recovered consciousness to-night and the former is in his room at the Dorset Hotel, while Neller is at his home. Both are seriously injured and under the care of physicians.

Mr. French came from St. Louis some days ago, and with Neller started this afternoon to come downtown in an auto. Mr. French was handling the machine and when near Meultrie street he evidently became impatient at a car in front, and started to pull around it. No sooner had the big machine turned onto the tracks than it was hit by a heavy Highland avenue car running in the opposite direction at least twenty-five miles an hour.

The motorman had not time to slow up, but crashed into the auto, hurling it high in the air and crushing it to splinters.

Mr. French was thrown fully thirty feet, alighting on his head and shoulders. His leg was knocked senseless and for a time it was thought he was killed.

Mr. Neller, too, lay still on the pavement with blood gushing from his nose and ears. They were carried into the office of Doctor B. B. Wood, No. 218 and 219th avenue, where they were restored to consciousness. Later they were taken to their different places of abode.

Mr. French could not be seen to-night, but his physicians say it will be some days before the full extent of his injuries is learned.

At 12:30 Mr. French was resting easily in his apartment in the Dorset Hotel. His physicians say that his injuries, as far as can be determined, consist of a scalp wound 1 1/2 inch long, which required quite a few stitches, a severe concussion of the right shoulder and several deep body bruises. It is not known yet whether he is injured internally.

At midnight Mr. Neller, who seems the least seriously injured of the two, said: "Mr. French was in no way to blame for the accident. The car slowed up for a moment at the intersection of the tracks and the front of the car went into the tracks. We could not see toward the city on account of the car in front of us and did not know the car was coming out. As we passed from the rear onto the track going out the car burst upon us. It was going at least twenty-five miles an hour and on account of the down grade could not be stopped by the motorman."

"Mr. French frequently spent considerable time in the preparation of his decisions. His specialty will be cases, although he participated in the consideration of many of the important issues which came before the court. Justice Gray was with the majority of the court in the decision in the income-tax cases and the insular cases."

Another important cause of recent date was that growing out of the Spanish-American War, in which Justice Gray decided against the right of the Government to seize certain fishing smacks, the property of Cubans, which the United States authorities believed were giving aid and assistance to the enemy.

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JUSTICE GRAY RESIGNS; O. W. HOLMES APPOINTED

Member of United States Supreme Court Quits Bench on Account of Ill-Health. After a Service of Nearly Twenty-One Years—His Successor Is Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts, and a Son of Oliver Wendell Holmes, the Poet.

MANY IMPORTANT OPINIONS WRITTEN BY RETIRING JURIST.



JUSTICE HORACE GRAY.

Justice Gray has just resigned on account of failing health and Chief Justice Holmes of the Massachusetts Supreme Court has been appointed to the vacant place on the bench. Before his appointment to the Federal Supreme Court Justice Gray was also Chief Justice of the Massachusetts tribunal.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Aug. 11.—President Roosevelt, late this afternoon announced that he had appointed Oliver Wendell Holmes, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, vice Mr. Justice Gray, resigned.

The resignation of Justice Gray was due to ill health. Several months ago he suffered a stroke of apoplexy, which some time later was followed by another. He has not appeared on the bench since he was stricken the first time.

His advanced age—74 years—told against his recovery with serious force. Realizing that he probably never would be able again to assume the place which he so long had filled with distinguished ability and honor, he decided a short time ago to tender his resignation to the President.

With the exception of Mr. Justice Harlan he served on the bench of the United States Supreme Court longer than any of his present colleagues. He was appointed an Associate Justice by President Arthur on December 19, 1881, his service extending, therefore, through a period of nearly twenty-one years.

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